

Notice of Allowability

Application No.

10/777,550

Examiner

Bena Miller

Applicant(s)

FISCHER, TROY

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All claims being allowable, PROSECUTION ON THE MERITS IS (OR REMAINS) CLOSED in this application. If not included herewith (or previously mailed), a Notice of Allowance (PTOL-85) or other appropriate communication will be mailed in due course. **THIS NOTICE OF ALLOWABILITY IS NOT A GRANT OF PATENT RIGHTS.** This application is subject to withdrawal from issue at the initiative of the Office or upon petition by the applicant. See 37 CFR 1.313 and MPEP 1308.

1. ☐ This communication is responsive to _____.
2. ☒ The allowed claim(s) is/are 1-24.
3. ☐ The drawings filed on _____ are accepted by the Examiner.
4. ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
 - a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some* c) ☐ None of the:
 1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
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5. ☐ A SUBSTITUTE OATH OR DECLARATION must be submitted. Note the attached EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT or NOTICE OF INFORMAL PATENT APPLICATION (PTO-152) which gives reason(s) why the oath or declaration is deficient.
6. ☒ CORRECTED DRAWINGS (as "replacement sheets") must be submitted.
 - (a) ☒ including changes required by the Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) attached
 - 1) ☒ hereto or 2) ☐ to Paper No./Mail Date _____.
 - (b) ☐ including changes required by the attached Examiner's Amendment / Comment or in the Office action of Paper No./Mail Date _____.

Identifying indicia such as the application number (see 37 CFR 1.84(c)) should be written on the drawings in the front (not the back) of each sheet. Replacement sheet(s) should be labeled as such in the header according to 37 CFR 1.121(d).
7. ☐ DEPOSIT OF and/or INFORMATION about the deposit of BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL must be submitted. Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

Attachment(s)

1. ☐ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
2. ☒ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
3. ☐ Information Disclosure Statements (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08),
Paper No./Mail Date _____
4. ☐ Examiner's Comment Regarding Requirement for Deposit
of Biological Material
5. ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
6. ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413),
Paper No./Mail Date _____
7. ☐ Examiner's Amendment/Comment
8. ☒ Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance
9. ☐ Other _____

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PRIMARY EXAMINER

Allowable Subject Matter

The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance: The prior art teaches a figure having an arm attachment portion and at least two figure transport units, each having a body and an arm movable between a first position and a second position with respect to the body; however, the prior art fails to teach "said arm having a figure attachment portion and a figure removal portion for removable attachment of said figure thereto, said figure attachment portion of said arm having a first configuration remote from said figure removal portion for attachment of said figure to said arm by attachment of said figure attachment portion of said arm to said arm attachment portion of said figure when said arm is in said first position, said figure attachment portion of said arm having a second configuration proximate to said figure removal portion for removal of said figure from said arm by separation of said figure attachment portion of said arm from said arm attachment portion of said figure by said figure removal portion when said arm is in said second position whereby said figure is transported from a first one of said at least two figure transport units to a second one of said at least two figure transport units after movement of said arm of said first one of said at least two figure transport units from said first position to said second position." as recited in claims 1 and 13 and "said arm means having a figure attachment means and a figure removal means for removable attachment of said figure thereto, said figure attachment means of said arm means having a first configuration remote from said figure removal means for attachment of said figure to said arm means by attachment of said figure attachment means of said arm means to said arm means attachment means of said figure when

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said arm means is in said first position, said figure attachment means of said arm means having a second configuration proximate to said figure removal means for removal of said figure from said arm means by separation of said figure attachment means of said arm means from said arm means attachment means of said figure by said figure removal means when said arm means is in said second position whereby said figure is transported from a first one of said at least two figure transport units to a second one of said at least two figure transport units after movement of said arm means of said first one of said at least two figure transport units from said first position to said second position" as recited in claims 7 and 19.

Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Bena Miller whose telephone number is 571.272.4427. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday-Friday.

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